



STUDENT COUNCIL IN ACTION

Students at Torrance High school elect their own officers who are responsible for student government, as well as a \$13,000 budget.—Press Photo.

Torrance High Council Lesson in Democracy

No one takes Democracy more seriously than members of the Student Council at Torrance High school.

Every morning they meet for 45 minutes under the able leadership of Don Kelley, student body president, to settle a thousand and one problems, ranging from school rallies to balancing a \$13,000 budget.

Meetings are snappy, business-like. The 16-member council debates issues freely and sometimes heatedly but always within the confines of parliamentary law, in which no one is more keenly versed than Kelley himself.

Sometimes a meeting starts out routinely and ends in fireworks as it did recently.

Routine but vital matters disposed of included inquiry into an out-door bulletin board ("a real sharp idea"); approval of Magazines of Friendship for students in foreign lands ("a way to fight Communist propaganda"); denial of appointing a school good will ambassador ("that's the president's job"); the printing and distributing election literature ("referred to

committee for study").

Heated Issue

The issue that got everyone into the act involved a dispute between the Tartar Knights and Tartar Ladies regarding profits from the concession stand at the basketball games.

It was proposed that either group forfeit its share of the profits unless represented by a minimum work crew at the booth. The point of dispute was over what figure to consider as minimum.

Tartar Knights thought two would be enough while Tartar Ladies held out for four.

Then there was the question of how the profits were to be shared: 50-50 according to the Knights; 60-40 according to the Ladies.

There was strong feeling on both sides of the issue, inasmuch as all but two members of the council belong to one or the other of the two clubs.

A vote on the matter would force the president to cast the deciding ballot.

Some maintained that an all-or-nothing policy on the profits is too severe; other charged that the basic issue was being clouded by personal feelings; others maintained that personal feelings should enter the matter, since only this way can different interests be represented.

The issue was finally referred for study and recommendation to a committee of four composed of two Knights and two Ladies.

Group Advisers

Advisers to the group are Louis Bereskin, student activities, adviser who supervises the overall year around program of youth activities, and Mrs. Phyllis Henderson, account clerk, who, assists Bereskin in this work.

Members of the Student Council include Don Kelley, president; David Shinoda, vice-president; Ron Lovelady, student court judge; Penny Benard, records; Diane DeNevers, finance; Berta Rogan, pep; Sharon Blakesley, activities; John Emery, athletics; Ollie Lessin, publicity; Betty Yoshoka, group control; Marilyn Moss, Girls' league; Ben Boegh, Boys' league; Peggy Sprout, senior class president; Jim Weyant, junior class president; Victor Masaki, sophomore class president; Mike Derouin, freshman class president.

Sitting in on all activities is Bill Reynolds, a reporter from the Torrance News Torch.

Seven Lions Clubs Enter Zone Finals

Approximately 90 Lions and guests attended the Zone A students speaker contest at the Wayfarer's restaurant in Lomita Monday. The Harbor City-Lomita Lions club was the host club.

The chairman for the evening was Dr. Warren W. Hamilton, who is a past president of the Torrance Lions club and currently zone chairman for the Harbor region of Lions International.

The winning speaker was John Mulligan who represented the Wilmington Lions club. John is a student at the Banning high school. The other speakers were all awarded runner-up awards.

Speakers, their clubs and schools, included:

Melody Clarke, Avalon, Catalina, Avalon high; Barbara Lohman, Harbor City-Lomita, Narbonne high; Janet Nation, Manhattan Beach, Mira Costa high; Allen Andrews, North Torrance, North high (Torrance); Janice Fern, Redondo Beach, Redondo Union high; Berit Sunde, San Pedro, San Pedro high; Ronald Hargrove, Torrance, Torrance high.

The three judges for the evening were: Dr. W. W. Dunlap from El Camino college, Dr. Charles E. Wallace, principal, Inglewood high school, and John K. Steinbaugh, assistant director of admissions, University of Southern California.

The District four winner (California-Nevada) will receive a \$1500 scholarship and the two runners-up will receive \$500 each. John Mulligan, Zone A winner, will meet the winners of Zones B and C on Tuesday evening, March 26, at the North high school cafeteria in the Harbor region finals.

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